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The Villa Crismeyer School

1. The Villa Crismeyer School, a PCI training school, located at Via Appia Nuova in Albano, is known as the Center of Political and Social Studies for Partisans and Former Prisoners of War. Professor Antonio Pesenti, a member of the PCI Central Committee, is the school director and is assisted by Silvano Montanari as secretary. There are five instructors who are assisted by former students of the school. Trainees are given courses in agitation and propaganda tactics. Each class is composed of sixty students. All students are reportedly trained to take over positions in the police forces in the event of a Communist coup.

2. The following students, all experienced activists and ardent supporters of PCI, allegedly completed a period of study at this school in December 1948:

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| a. Gennaro Borboni | g. Sigismondo Genovesi             |
| b. Cleto Boldrini  | h. Severion Mareschi               |
| c. Leo Canullo     | i. Walter Monier                   |
| d. Ivo Colus       | j. Silvio Poletto                  |
| e. Mario Mucci     | k. Antonio Prospersi               |
| f. Tonero Rasi     | l. Ricciardone Gabriele De Sanctis |

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ANPI (Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia - National Association of Italian Partisans) School Program

3. There are presently several so-called Italian Renaissance Schools (Scuole della Rinascita) functioning throughout Italy. Sponsored by ANPI with funds contributed by the now-abolished Ministry of Post War Assistance, with the approval of the Ministry of Public Education, these schools were organized by Dr. Nicola Raimondi of

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Rome. The alleged purpose of these schools is to educate those individuals whose education was interrupted by the war. The schools are restricted to male students of the following categories: partisans; veterans; political victims; sons of civilians and soldiers killed during the war; sons of victims of political persecution who are unable to work; refugees; etc.

4. The first of these schools was inaugurated at Affori (Milan) in 1945. Later, other schools were opened at Turin, Novara, Genoa, Cremona, San Remo, Reggio Emilia, Bologna, Marmorta di Molinella (Bologna) and Rome. Other schools are being organized at Vigo Valentia, Catanzaro and Siracusa.
5. The particular type of training each of these schools specializes in is as follows:
  - Rome - (Via Savoia 15) - tourists and publicity agents.
  - Milan - Scientific Lycee, courses for school teachers, specialized mechanics, chemistry and labor organizers.
  - Turin - Drawing courses for mechanics and a special course for industrial experts.
  - Genoa - Accountants and land surveyors.
  - San Remo - Clerks and hotel personnel.
  - Reggio Emilia - Agrarian mechanics and building surveyors.
  - Bologna - Experts in construction work.
  - Marmorta di Molinella - Specialized agriculturalists.
  - Cremona - Dairy and agrarian experts.
  - Novara - College for orphans and sons of persons belonging to the categories listed in paragraph 4.
6. The estimated number of pupils attending these schools is 1,300. The administration of the schools is carried out by clerks of the ANPI. Funds at the present time are provided by the Ministry of Labor and the Ministry of Public Education. The courses are given under the supervision of the Ministry of Public Education, who appoints the teachers from the Ministry personnel. However, the teachers are selected on the suggestion of the Directorate of the school and are approved by the appropriate committee of the ANPI.
7. The Italian Communist Party exerts influence on the management of these schools, through the ANPI. The PCI also controls the selection of students who are to take these courses.

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Cadre Training School, Naples Federation PCI

8. The so-called 'International Cadre School' (Scuola Internazionale di Quadri) was instituted on 10 June 1948 at the headquarters of the Marigliano (Naples) Section of the Italian Communist Party. The original class, which was concluded on 31 August 1948, was attended by 29 students of which only 12 completed the course. The curriculum of the school includes the following:
- a. History of the Bolshevik Revolution.
  - b. Aims of Progressive Democracy.
  - c. Differentiations between Communist and Fascist Syndicalism.
  - d. The Communist Cell as Foundation of the Communist Party.
  - e. Activities of Communist Party Members in the event of strikes and agitations.
  - f. Tactics for the Conquest of Power, with or without the resort to violence.
9. Schools have also been organized at Legano, Nola (Naples), Modena and Trofarello (Turin). Courses of these schools consist of the teaching of the Marxian-Leninist doctrines, training in the use of special and automatic arms, and in conducting clandestine warfare and sabotage. The students are chosen among young Communist activists whose faith in the Communist cause is beyond suspicion.

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